

Senate District R

Alan Austerman, Republican



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OCCUPATION: Ground crew (Island Air Service)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 59 years
Kodiak 1943 to present

EDUCATION:
Kodiak High School, 1961, Diploma.

MILITARY SERVICE:
Alaska National Guard, Sergeant (E-5), 7 years.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Kodiak Island Borough Assembly; KIB Parks & Recreation; personnel board, City of Kodiak; Kodiak Island Transportation Committee; Kodiak School Budget Review Committee; Community College Advisory Board; Hospital Advisory Board; chair, Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force; chair, Legislative Fisheries Committee, 4 years; member, Legislative Finance Committee, 4 years.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Executive director, KICVB; commercial fisherman; police officer, City of Kodiak; longshoreman; sporting goods store manager; hunting and fishing lodge owner; print shop owner; owner, Austerman's Office Supply; newspaper owner, Kodiak Times.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Board president, Kodiak Jaycees; co-founder, Kodiak Rodeo Association; chair, Ducks Unlimited; co-founder, Kodiak Alaska State Parks Advisory Committee; president/board, Kodiak Chamber of Commerce; Elks; NRA; Pioneers of Alaska.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Playing with the grandchildren, hunting, fishing, photography, carving, hiking.

STATEMENT:

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve for six years in the House of Representatives and the last two years in the State Senate. It has been an honor and a privilege and I appreciate everyone's support over the years.

Over the next few years Alaska will be faced with a number of challenges. As your Senator, it is my hope that I will be a positive influence on these issues. Two issues foremost in my mind are: the revenue shortfall for the State and the crisis in the salmon industry.

Revenue shortfall: I will actively work to be reappointed to the Finance Committee and will do my best to work to resolve this issue. It is not an easy issue to resolve. The new Legislature will be working to prioritize how we spend our revenues and how we will raise additional funds. People do not like to hear the word taxes or about the use of the interest earnings from the Permanent Fund, but we need to have a serious discussion about how we will pay for what Alaskans have become accustomed to.

Salmon industry crisis: I plan on being involved in finding a workable solution to the current problems to ascertain where the industry is going to be in the next 15 - 20 years. I will work very closely with the Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force to address this issue. The task force needs your help in addressing these issues.

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